

TEN KILLED, FORTY HURT IN HOTEL FIRE

Victims Penned in Blazing Building Fell Back Into Flames While Crowd Looked On.

MANY JUMP FROM WINDOWS.

Guests Sleep as Blaze Burned Lower Floors and Cut Off Their Escape—Bodies of the Dead in Ruins of Structure.

LEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 20.—Ten persons were killed and forty seriously injured in a fire that destroyed the Clifton Hotel here early today. There were 120 guests in the hotel when the fire broke out, and most of the dead are buried in the debris. Owing to the destruction of the hotel register the names of the missing have not been obtained, but an effort is being made to learn their identity.

THE FATALLY INJURED. L. C. Burnett, Nebraska City, badly burned. Nettie Burns, head waitress, jumped from third story.

The fire originated in the basement, presumably from an electric wire. Night Clerk Wilson was on the third floor at the time. The flames were discovered by a bell-boy and had already gained considerable headway. By the time the night clerk had been notified and the work of sounding the alarm had begun escape was cut off from the ground floor.

The guests penned in by the flames crowded to the windows and only in their night robes, wildly calling for help.

Jumped from Windows. The facilities of the fire department were meagre and each moment's delay increased the panic that already prevailed, and one after another the occupants were seen to hurl themselves from the windows to the pavement below. Limbs were broken and the writhing mass of humanity that was rapidly heaped up was a horrible and sickening sight. Those who jumped from the third-story windows had little hope of surviving the frightful leap, but few hesitated as the flames came nearer and nearer.

Miss Nettie Burns was the last of those alive to leave the burning structure and had sustained terrible burns before she sprang from the window-sill on which she had sought refuge.

A large crowd of onlookers gathered around the burning structure and the flames and the work of rescue was carried forward rapidly. The hotel was a seething mass of flame and it was impossible to attempt to rescue by entering the building.

Business Houses as Hospitals. Those injured by jumping from the windows were conveyed to adjoining business houses that had been converted into impromptu hospitals. It was early apparent that Burnett and Miss Burns could not recover, while the recovery of several others was doubtful.

The fire department confined its efforts to preventing the spread of the flames. Several times the National Hotel, near by, caught fire, but the fire was extinguished.

The State Y. M. C. A. convention was in progress in Cedar Rapids at the time and also a district meeting of the Pythian convention. Delegates to these conventions constituted most of the injured and missing.

At 11 A. M. today it was stated that there must be over ten bodies in the debris, as several persons had been seen to fall back from the windows into the flames. The proprietors of the hotel also estimated that there must be close to this number unaccounted for.

HUNG A LONG TIME HEAD DOWNWARD.

Painful Accident Which Occurred to a New York Painter in Hoboken.

Jacob Solomon, a painter, who lives at No. 27 East Seventh street, Manhattan, while at No. 451 Newark street, Hoboken, this morning slipped from the roof of a meat store and in his fall his ankle was pierced by a meat hook.

He hung for a long time, head downward, like a quarter of beef, and as he is a heavy man he was rescued with difficulty. It will probably be necessary to amputate his ankle, the physicians at St. Mary's Hospital say.

BISHOP LYTTLETON DEAD.

Was Head of Southampton See and Writer of Note.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Bishop of Southampton, Rev. Hon. Arthur Temple Lyttleton, died today at Petersfield, Hampshire.

Bishop Lyttleton was one of the best known clergymen in England, although not so distinguished as the late Archbishop of Canterbury or the present incumbent of that office. He was born in London, Jan. 1, 1832, educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, and was ordained priest in 1857.

After filling several charges he was appointed Bishop of Southampton in 1888. He was the author of several religious works.

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COMMITTEE WAR ON LONG ISLAND

Residents of Whitestone Neighborhood Join in a Fight for Better Train Service on the North Shore Branch.

FRAME A BIG PROTEST.

Irate Citizens Demand the Retirement of Antique Locomotives and Other Things That Make Life on the Road Miserable for Them.

If you don't care what time you get to business and don't care a rap for your family just move out to Whitestone or any other place along the North Shore division of the Long Island Railroad.

Although Whitestone is only eleven miles from City Hall, as the crow flies, at the present time it takes anywhere from one to seven hours to make the trip by rail. Once in a while the maximum time is twelve hours. Locomotives as old as some of the mansions on Long Island are still in use on the line and they "die" frequently.

So rampant has been the proposition of getting to and from Whitestone that the regular commuters have signified in a protest to the railroad officials that it is time to be up and doing. The commuters are mad clear through, and unless the reforms demanded are granted they threaten to move away or do other dire things.

"Whitestone is like the North Pole in some respects," remarked George Jeromon, the dean of the commuters, yesterday. "It's hard to get to and cold as charity."

A Mighty Protest. Several of the most patriotic of the citizens are to be seen these days going through the cars obtaining signatures to the protest. They are getting them in the hundreds. The protest doesn't mince matters. It reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of College Point and Whitestone, yearly commuters on the Whitestone line of the North Shore Division of the Long Island Railroad, do emphatically but respectfully protest against the unfair discrimination made against us in the matter of train service during the past week. We demand as regular patrons of your better accommodation and improved time service, which we have either had through the neglect of your officials and employees.

"We have been compelled, owing to the irregular train service during the past week, although there was no apparent reason for it, to remain away from business for hours, much to our personal discomfort, and in many cases much to our monetary disadvantage, because the locomotives used on our line are so antiquated that they are practically unfit for further service and should be taken to the junk yard, where they properly belong.

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"BRIDAL TOUR OF WORLD, 800 MILES"

Brooklyn Matron Evolves a Novel Form of Entertainment for Her Guests.

A decidedly original form of entertainment was introduced to Brooklyn's fashionable society last night, at a party given by Mrs. Stuart Hull Moore, of No. 45 McDonough street, to a newly married couple who have just returned from their wedding trip.

The guests were invited to take a "bridal tour around the world in eighty minutes" and to visit all points of interest on the globe without leaving the house. The various rooms of the house were fitted out in lavish style to imitate the customs of the part of the world which each represented.

"Round-trip tickets" were handed to each couple as they entered, and their wraps were packed away in diminutive trunks which stood in the hall. These were checked through for the entire journey. The circulars accompanying the tickets announced that the trip would cover 25,000 miles, and that "nothing would be spared to insure safety and comfort for the entire journey. Air-ship, camel, automobile, gondola, the Kings County Elevated Railroad have been chartered for the trip."

The places visited were San Francisco, Japan, China, India, Egypt and the Nile, Venice, Germany, Paris and London. A separate room was given to each city and the feature of the locality was represented by the decorations and furnishings. The "trip" of the guests was a journey in the native costumes acted as guides and interpreters. Egypt, the Nile were reached by way of the cellar, and the summit of Mount Blanc in Switzerland was attained through the skylight.

FOR WELL-DRESSED WOMEN.

Franklin Simon & Co. Make an Exceptional Offer in Gowns.

An attraction for correctly dressed women is the offer of Franklin Simon & Co. to take orders for tailor-made gowns of imported cloths and fancy mixtures, all silk lined, the price fixed being \$50. This offer is exceptional and articles are being accepted now, which is prior to the opening of the firm's regular spring season.

The women's and misses' order department on the third floor of Franklin Simon & Co.'s establishment, on Fifth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, is the section and aside for those who seek to avail themselves of the bargain.

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SOME OF THE DEAD AND INJURED CHILD VICTIMS OF THE DREADFUL TROLLEY COLLISION IN NEWARK.



POLICE POWER FOR EXCISE MEN

Plank Legislative Bill Adds Fifty Inspectors to the State Department and Powers Will Be Increased.

DRIFT OF ALBANY DOINGS.

(Special Correspondence of The Evening World.) ALBANY, Feb. 20.—Great things are expected from the State Excise Department if the bill introduced by Assemblyman Plank, increasing the number of special excise inspectors, becomes a law. There are now sixty of these special men, and the bill proposes to add fifty to the list, making 110 in all.

His addition is to be made so that the Excise Department may be clothed with complete police power, which it has lacked ever since the law went into effect. The Plank bill not only increases the special men, but a specially inserted clause provides that immediately after the special men have detected a violation of the law they are to arrest the offender and let the usual police regulations govern the rest of the procedure.

This means, according to men at the Capitol, supposed to be on the inside of politics and legislation, that the liquor dealers will at once transfer their attempts at blackmail from the local police to State officials and the special inspectors and deputies. It is declared that the fifty additional special men will at once be sent down to New York City, and after having thrown a few excise bombshells there they will tour the other cities of the State.

There is a great difference of opinion as to whether or not the immediate effect of the bill will be a beneficial one. Col. Lyman, the first Commissioner of the Excise Department, was always of the opinion that it was better not to have the department meddle with the police end of the violations. The evidence against a violator was brought out in the civil suit conducted by the department. Col. Lyman believed that secretiveness was an essential and that there was better results when a special deputy went into a saloon, took a drink and detected others drinking and left. Commissioner Cullinan, however, has different views. He believes that there cannot be too vigorous prosecution of Excise law violators and ever since he has been at the head of the department he has pushed the police power of the bureau to the limit of the law.

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FORECLOSES ON MONEY BROKER.

Howard P. Frothingham, Who Negotiates Huge Loans in Wall Street, and Mrs. Maud Nicholson Quietly Married.

WERE NEIGHBORS FOR YEARS

Howard P. Frothingham, Wall street's great money broker, is married. His bride, Mrs. Maud Nicholson, of Pompton Lake, N. J., Mr. Frothingham and Mrs. Nicholson were neighbors for years. More than a month ago Lawyer John McMaisters called up the Rev. John Balcom Shaw, pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church, at One Hundred and Fifth street, and Amsterdam avenue, and asked that he make no engagement for Feb. 13 at 4:30 P. M. for a marriage ceremony.

On Wednesday at the appointed time the pastor was waiting, and on the minute a closed automobile stopped in front of the church. Two couples alighted. They were Lawyer McMaisters and a handsome young woman and Mr. Frothingham and Mrs. Nicholson. There was little ceremony. The marriage was at once performed and the two couples departed as quietly as they came.

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AN ACED WOMAN DOCTOR KILLED

Struck by an Express Train at the Erie Railroad Depot, Passaic, and Died in Five Minutes.

BODY HURLED FIFTY FEET.

(Special to The Evening World.) PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 20.—Dr. Alice N. Burdick, for many years a resident of this city, was almost instantly killed at the Prospect street depot of the Erie Railroad last night.

She was returning to her home from New York, where she conducted an office, though seventy years of age. She stepped from a local train directly in front of an express.

She was struck by the engine pilot and hurled fifty feet. Both legs and an arm were broken, though the body was not slightly bruised.

She was carried into the Passaic Club and physicians were summoned. The first to arrive was Dr. Edwin De Baum, her own son. He lives near by. He was prostrated when he saw his mother dying.

Death came to the woman in five minutes. Mrs. Burdick was quite well known in Passaic. She was the widow of S. Powell Burdick, who was a professor at the New York City Homeopathic College for many years. She had been practicing medicine for some years past and was very active.

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QUAY'S TACTICS BAD FOR TREATY

Senate's Continuous Session Plan to Force a Vote on Canal Agreement, Will Be Defeated by Statehood Talks.

SURPRISE SPRUNG TO-DAY.

(Special to The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Quay had another surprise ready when the Senate resumed its executive session today. Instead of discussion on the canal treaty being resumed, as everybody expected, Senator Burton calmly began a speech in advocacy of the Statehood bill. He spoke for more than an hour and did not mention the canal.

Senator Dubois followed in favor of statehood. He made no reference to the canal. Later in the afternoon Senator Morgan resumed his speech in opposition to the treaty.

The action today clearly indicates that while the Republicans and Democratic filibuster against the treaty, they will rest Mr. Morgan whenever necessary by making straight-out speeches on the omnibus bill. If there is the real purpose of the purpose of a continued session to tire out opposition to the treaty and reach a vote on it will fail.

The situation so far as the treaty and an extra session of Congress are involved, is critical, with no solution in sight.

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FATHER TEARS OF DAUGHTER'S RUIN

John Kraft Weeps, and Jurors Weep with Him, While Telling on Stand the Story of His Child's Betrayal.

AT TRIAL OF GEORGE F. STEIN

Accused Admits that He Was Engaged to Marry Miss Kraft, but Says She Broke off the Match Himself.

There was a dramatic scene in the Queen's County Court today when John J. Kraft, a wealthy resident of Long Island City, took the witness-stand on behalf of his daughter, Lillian, a pretty eighteen-year-old girl, who is prosecuting George F. Stein for betraying her.

Kraft's voice choked with emotion as he told what he knew of the story of his child's undoing, and finally broke into bitter sobs. Three of the jurors were so deeply affected that they cried with him, and there were many men and women in the courtroom who could not keep back their tears.

The plaintiff was submitted to an unmerciful cross-examination by counsel for Stein, but made an impressive witness.

Stein was called upon at the opening of the defense to take the stand for himself. He admitted having been engaged to Miss Kraft and of having permitted cards of announcement to be circulated. He claimed it was the young woman who had broken off the match. The two had been out late one night, and he suggested that they go to his married sister's house because he could reach his work so much easier from there in the morning than if he went to his own home. It was on that occasion, he swore, that Miss Kraft promised to release him from his promise of marriage.

As the girl's father concluded his testimony he pointed at the father of Stein.

"You," he said, "have ruined my daughter, but I have only one little girl, and that boy there has ruined her life. Destroyed her!"

The Rev. Calvin W. Lauder, pastor of the Reformed Church in the Steinway section, of which both families are residents and new neighbors, testified for Miss Kraft that he had been introduced to her by Stein at the wedding of the latter's sister as an affianced.

Dr. J. B. Moore, a local physician, attending the plaintiff and of the death of a child a month after its birth, made and appeared to be in easy financial circumstances.

The Krafs and Steins are both in comfortable circumstances. The defense, on trial in twenty-eight years of age, prominent socially and a member of the Ravenswood Yacht Club.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN IN OPIUM RAID.

Stylishly Dressed and Well Supplied with Money, She Is Arrested Smoking the Drug.

In a raid on Sing Lee's opium den, back of his restaurant at No. 28 West Third street, last night, the police captured two men and a woman, concerning whose identity there is much mystery.

When arraigned in the West Side Court she said she was Elizabeth Robson, of No. 24 West Twenty-sixth street. She was attired in a black broadcloth suit, made and appeared to be in easy financial circumstances.

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